

January 13, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
United States Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, District of Columbia 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

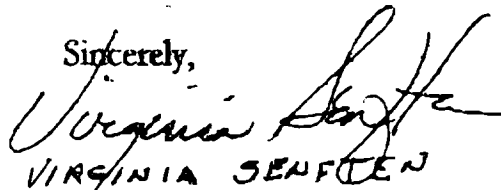
I am writing to support the settlement with Microsoft. Enough is enough. It is time to allow the IT industry to get back to business. The settlement is fair and reasonable, and will protect us from future anticompetitive behavior.

The settlement imposes many restrictions on Microsoft. One example is that Microsoft has agreed to grant computer makers broad new rights to set up Windows so that software by other developers can be introduced to any computer. Also, Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows operating system products to the 20 largest computer makers on identical terms, including price. Plus, Microsoft has also agreed to the "Technical Committee" that will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement. Clearly, these, along with the other restrictions, will maintain a fair competitive balance.

It is important to let the technology sector move forward with developing new products as soon as possible. This settlement is in the best interest of both the public and the economy.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

  
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